

Archaeology Month Calendar of Events



October 1 through October 31

Washington State is celebrating its sixteenth annual Archaeology Month, from October 1 through October 31, 2010. Archaeology Month consists of a series of events held in local communities statewide, to create public awareness about Washington's archaeological heritage. Protecting and exploring this archaeological heritage provides us with knowledge of past lifeways, about our ancestors and predecessors as they sought to survive in a rugged, diverse landscape. Please take time this month to reflect upon our ancestors' efforts to build homes, families, and communities; creating ways of living that sustained them in a changing land.

This Activity Guide is designed to provide you with many opportunities to participate and enjoy all the archaeological tours, lectures, site visits, exhibits, craft demonstrations, events, and people making Washington's archaeological heritage something to celebrate and honor. The special events are listed first followed by the month long activities in back. There is something happening in every corner of our state.

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and all event sponsors invite you to share the past with one another during this very special time. We encourage you to explore different events, go on a walking tour, participate in an archaeological site visit, or tour a museum exhibit, and become involved in a shared future that seeks to protect and value our archaeological heritage.

For General Information about Archaeology and Cultural Preservation

The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation serves as the state historic preservation office for Washington. Receiving both state and federal support, DAHP's mission is the identification, evaluation, and protection of significant archaeological and historical sites that represent Washington's diverse cultural heritage. Please contact the office at (360) 586-3065 or visit our web page at <http://www.dahp.wa.gov> for more information on protecting archaeology sites in Washington.

Special Events

September 25

WHERE: **Vancouver** TIME: 11:00am

WHAT: Kids Dig!

LOCATION: Fort Vancouver; 1501 E Evergreen Blvd

DESCRIPTION: Children 8-12 are introduced to archaeology by participating in a mock dig, mapping their artifact finds, and recording their data. As they excavate and screen with the help of park staff and volunteers, participants will discuss how we learn from archaeology, and why we should preserve these pieces of our past. Each two-hour session is limited to 20 children, on a first-come, first served basis. Fort Kids Dig, entrance fees to the fort applies but the program is FREE

CONTACT: 360-816-6230 **Homepage:** www.nps.gov/fova

October 1

WHERE: **Tacoma** TIME: 7pm -9:30pm

WHAT: Candlelight Tour

LOCATION: Point Defiance Park

DESCRIPTION: Take a peek into 1859 during Fort Nisqually Living History Museum's annual Candlelight Tours on the evenings of Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2. These guided walking tours of the fort take place after dark with only the stars, campfires and candles to light the way.

Along the tour visitors will encounter re-enactors portraying

the laborers, servants and gentlemen and ladies of the venerable Hudson's Bay Company. Eavesdrop as they bid farewell to their longtime Chief Factor, Dr. William Tolmie and his family who are moving to Victoria. Traveling through the fort, these people from the past won't be aware of their 21st century visitors. To them, tour groups are merely spirits from the future.

Advanced ticket purchase is required for these popular tours which normally sell out. Beginning September 1st, but no earlier, leave your name, phone number, how many tickets you need and for which night and time. Calls will be returned in the order received. This year's event is Friday and Saturday, October 1st and 2nd. Tour times are every 15 minutes from 7:00 to 9:30 both nights. Your walking tour of the Fort lasts approximately one hour.

PHONE: Call 253-591-5339. **IN PERSON:** You may purchase tickets during open hours. The Fort is open 11 am to 4 pm Wednesday through Sunday.

Tickets are not available online.

Ticket prices are: \$10 ages 13 and up \$7 ages 4 - 12

October 2

WHERE: Seattle

TIME: 10am -4pm

WHAT: Weaving Heritage

LOCATION: Burke Museum, University of Washington Seattle Campus corner of 17thave NE and NE 45th St.

DESCRIPTION: See how all-natural indigo dye is made and used in clothing from demonstrations with staff from Seattle's Earthues; make a paper loom and weave a small yarn piece to take home; try weaving on a tapestry loom and a four harness loom; experiment with color and design.

Curator-led exhibit tour with Jim Nason. This tour will focus on the cultural history, and related cultural meaning of selected textiles, and their contemporary status. Dr. Nason is

Emeritus Curator of Pacific and American Ethnology at the Burke Museum, and Professor Emeritus of Anthropology. Special exhibit tour with Erica Tiedemann, exhibit advisor and expert on pre-industrial textile technology and textile making practices.

CONTACT: Larkin Hood (206) 646-4415

www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/events/index.php

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October 6

WHERE: **Beverly** **TIME:** 9:00am-2:30pm

WHAT: Archaeology Day at Grant County PUD: Youth Day

LOCATION: Hydro Engineering Offices, 15655 Wanapum Village Lane SW

DESCRIPTION: Youth Day will have demonstrations in flint knapping, hemp string making, beadwork, and more. There will also be hands on activities including tule mat making and atlatl throwing. Displays will include the Wanapum Native American Discovery Unit, River Patrol vehicles, tule structures, and canoes. There will be a variety of activity booths and storytelling. NO FEE.

CONTACT: 509-754-5088 x2571 **Homepage:**
www.wanapum.org

October 7

WHERE: **Beverly** **TIME:** 8:30am-4:00pm

WHAT: Archaeology Day at Grant County PUD: Adult Day

LOCATION: Hydro Engineering Offices, 15655 Wanapum Village Lane SW

DESCRIPTION: Adult Day will have several presentations on archaeology and cultural resources. Additionally there will be demonstrations in flint knapping, hemp string making, beadwork, and other. Displays will include the Wanapum Native American Discovery Unit, River Patrol vehicles, tule structures, and canoes. NO FEE.

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October 9

WHERE: **Fort Vancouver**

TIME: 7:00pm

WHAT: Tales of the Engage'

LOCATION: Fort Vancouver; 1501 E Evergreen Blvd

DESCRIPTION: Step back in time with a “campfire program” of the 1840`s. Join the Engagés of the Hudson`s Bay Company as they share their stories of life at Fort Vancouver. The 1 hour program will take place just outside the fort walls. Free of charge. **FREE**

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October 9th

WHERE: **Ridgefield** TIME: 10 am -3pm

WHAT: Cathlapotle Plankhouse Birdfest & Bluegrass

LOCATION: Cathlapotle Plankhouse in the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

DESCRIPTION: Day one of this annual event held in Ridgefield, Washington gives the Plankhouse the opportunity to share and celebrate with visitors the history and traditions of the Cathlapotle Plankhouse. Join us as we participate in Birdfest festivities with ongoing children’s activities and docent led tours of the plankhouse. Saturday programming will include Flintknapping and tool making demonstrations by Dennis Torresdal, a guided walk to the site where the Lewis and Clark expedition camped for the night after visiting the Chinookan village of Cathlapotle, and a guided walk to the Cathlapotle village site. For more information please visit <http://www.ridgefieldfriends.org/birdfestandbluegrass.html>

CONTACT: Katie Harrison at Katie_Harrison@fws.gov or (360) 887-4106

October 10

WHERE: **Ridgefield** TIME: 11 am -3pm

WHAT: Cathlapotle Plankhouse Birdfest & Bluegrass

LOCATION: Cathlapotle Plankhouse in the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge

DESCRIPTION: Day two of this annual event held in Ridgefield, Washington gives the Plankhouse the opportunity to share and celebrate with visitors the history and traditions of the Cathlapotle Plankhouse. Join us as we participate in Birdfest festivities with ongoing children's activities and docent led tours of the plankhouse. Sunday programming will include *People of the Plankhouse: Past and Present* presented by Sam Robinson, Vice-Chairman of the Chinook Indian Nation, talk by George Aguilar, Sr., author of When the River Ran Wild! Indian Traditions on the Mid- Columbia and the Warm Springs Reservation, and a salmon bake including the time-honored tastes of salmon, oysters and clams; complimentary samplings while supplies last. For more information please visit <http://www.ridgefieldfriends.org/birdfestandbluegrass.html>

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October 14-16

WHERE: **Wenatchee** TIME: 11:00am-3:00pm
WHAT: Ice Age Adventures
LOCATION: Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center, 127 S. Mission St.

DESCRIPTION: Explore the mysterious, quaking surface of a peat bog, collect mineral samples to take home, and see flint knapping and atlatl throwing in action when Ice Age Adventures returns to the museum October 14-16. This popular three-day program focuses on geology, Ice Age mammals and the Clovis people. Guided school tours are offered Thursday and Friday, Oct. 14 and 15, and a family activity day is planned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16. Geologists from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and members of the Wenatchee Valley Erratics will be available all three days to answer questions about the amazing geology of the Columbia Plateau and its history of colossal flooding and volcanic eruption, resulting in a uniquely rich geological footprint.

Visitors may follow the route of the floodwaters from Glacial Lake Missoula, walking through such features as the

Sandpoint ice dam, Dry Falls cataract and Wallula Gap hydraulic dam before arriving at the Pacific Ocean. A display of maps, charts, photographs and rocks will further illustrate the dramatic series of floods that carved the Eastern Washington landscape some 11,000 years ago.

Another hands-on activity on Saturday will be walking across a shivery “peat bog,” a replica of ancient repositories of Ice Age mammal bones. Kids can make rock collections to take home, chisel “fossils” out of “rock,” and watch demonstrations of two Ice Age survival technologies: knapping flint for toolmaking, and throwing the atlatl – a flexible device for launching a spear. Leavenworth author Patricia Clark will read excerpts of her book *In the Shadow of the Mammoth* and present information about the mammoths and Clovis people who lived in this area at the end of the Ice Age. Fossilized remains of mammoth and sloth from WVMCC’s collection will be on display, as will the museum’s five Clovis points.

Admission to “Ice Age Adventures” is free for museum members. For non-members the cost is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children 6-12, and free for kids under six.

CONTACT: (509) 888-6240 Homepage: www.wvmcc.org

October 17

WHERE: **Seattle** TIME: 10:00am-4:00pm

WHAT: Ice Age Archaeology at the Burke Museum

LOCATION: Burke Museum, University of Washington

DESCRIPTION: This event will provide exhibits and activities to show visitors how people lived in Washington State 12,000 years ago and introduce visitors to archaeology as field of inquiry. The proposed program addresses these objectives in two ways: 1) archaeological analysis of artifacts from ice-age archaeological sites in Washington State; 2) information from other specialists (Coast Salish peoples and paleontologists) on what living in Washington State was like during the last glacial maximum.

CONTACT: 206-221-6183 Homepage: www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/events/index.php

October 23

WHERE: **Fort Vancouver**

TIME: 7:00pm

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October 23

WHERE: **Seattle**

TIME: 9:30am -4:30pm

WHAT: Digging Deeper: A Workshop on Archival Research

LOCATION: Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI)

DESCRIPTION: Historical research is a multi-layered journey. If you're interested in the intricacies of in-depth research and the many locations where you can find a treasure trove of information, join MOHAI staff, expert archivists and local librarians as they share facts, tips and a wealth of experience. This program is offered by MOHAI in recognition of American Archives Month.

Registrants are advised to bring their own lunch to all Nearby History workshops. Please note that some workshops may involve off-site visits. Registrants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the museum. Free parking is provided at MOHAI. Clock hours may be available to teachers for an additional \$12. You should bring your laptops.

Tickets available through www.brownpapertickets.com (1-800-838-3006) \$40 for MOHAI members, \$50 for general

CONTACT: **206-324-1126**

Homepage:

www.seattlehistory.org

October 25

WHERE: **Olympia**

TIME: 12:00pm

WHAT: Lessons from the Past: Historical Archaeology at Fairfax: Scratching the Surface of a Carbon River Valley Ghost Town.

LOCATION: State Capital Museum Coach House

DESCRIPTION: A stewardship planning program developed for Pierce County Parks and Recreation recently resulted in a study of the remains of Fairfax, a former company town in the Carbon River valley of Washington State. Although it served as a hub of coal mining and later logging operations between the 1890s to the 1940s and as a terminus of a small spur of the Northern Pacific Railroad, almost nothing remains of the town today. Recent field surveys by an archaeological team have uncovered some obvious and some not-so-obvious remnants of this town, providing a means of potential preservation and interpretation opportunities in the future.

CONTACT: dwchistory@comcast.net

October 28

WHERE: **Seattle** TIME: 7:00pm

WHAT: Spirits of our Whaling Ancestors

LOCATION: Burke Museum, University of Washington

DESCRIPTION: Charlotte Côté will present from her new book, *Spirits of our Whaling Ancestors: Revitalizing Makah and Nuuchah-nulth Traditions*. As a member of the Nuuchah-nulth Nation, Côté offers a valuable perspective on the issues surrounding indigenous whaling, past and present. She shows the implications for the physical, mental, and spiritual health of these Native communities today and describes how whaling "defines who we are as a people." FREE

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www.washington.edu/burkemuseum/events/index.php

October 30

WHERE: **Bellevue** TIME: 9:00am-12:30

WHAT: Basics of Historic Research

LOCATION: Washington State Archives Puget Sound Branch
Bellevue Community College

DESCRIPTION: The Basics of Historic Research is for teachers, students, and others interested in exploring the past. You'll get practical advice and learn the basic steps for gathering the information you will need to investigate and interpret a historical topic for a museum exhibit, class project, community celebration, curriculum enrichment, research article, History Day, a classroom based assessment or personal historical interest.

CONTACT: Mark Vessey 360-586-0219

Month-long Events

Enjoy these special events that are presented to highlight the archaeological and cultural heritage of Washington.

WHERE: **Bellingham**
WHAT: Whatcom Museum of History and Art, Syre
Education Center
LOCATION: 201 Prospect Street
WHEN: Tuesday - Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays.
CONTACT: 360-676-6981 Homepage:
<http://www.whatcommuseum.org/index.html>.

DESCRIPTION: Glimpse the traditions of Northwest Coastal People from Puget Sound to Alaska in a permanent exhibit. A highlight of the exhibit is the museum's study storage collection of over 200 baskets. Information and interpretative brochures identify artifacts and provide a glimpse into traditional life. Tours are available for school and adult groups, please call for information

WHERE: **Beverly**
WHAT: Wanapum Dam Heritage Center
LOCATION: Hwy 24
CONTACT: 509-754-3541 ext. 2571 for group tour
information.

DESCRIPTION: Open seven days a week year-round. Free admission. Exhibits include geological history, lifestyles of the early peoples of the area. View the beautiful handmade cornhusk bags, beaded moccasins, and bear grass baskets displayed along with the original work of the noted sculptor and journalist, Click Relander, author of *Drummers and Dreamers*, the story of the Wanapum People.

WHERE: **Coulee Dam City**
WHAT: Colville Confederated Tribes Museum

LOCATION: 512 Mead Way

DESCRIPTION: This museum is filled with history collected by the Colville Confederated Tribes (Moses/Columbia, Wenatchee, Okanogan, Entiat-Chelan, Methow, Nez Perce, Palus, Nespelem, Colville, San Poil and Lake). A gift center occupies the ground floor, where you can buy Native crafts, quilts, books, cards, posters, and more related to Native culture.

WHERE: **Coupeville**

WHAT: Discover America's National Historic Reserve

LOCATION: Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve

DESCRIPTION: This rural historic district is a National Park Service unit that preserves an unbroken historical record of 19th century Puget Sound exploration and settlement. The reserve is open all the time for driving, biking or walking. Tune your car radio to 1610 AM for information. Homepage: <http://www.nps.gov/ebla/>

WHERE: **Kamilche**

WHAT: Kamilche Museum Library and Resource Center

LOCATION: Old Olympic Highway at Kamilche

DESCRIPTION: The museum tells the story of the People of the Water through a series of exhibits and displays depicting the relationship between Squaxin Island Tribal members and the seven inlets of Southern Puget Sound. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday.

WHERE: **La Conner**

WHAT: Skagit County Historical Museum,

LOCATION: 501 South 4th Street

DESCRIPTION: The south wing of the Skagit County Historical Museum displays exhibits of Swinomish and other local Coast Salish Native American artifacts including baskets, tools, photographs, and dress. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 to 5 pm. Contact staff at (360) 466-3365 for details.

WHERE: **Lynden**
WHAT: Lynden Pioneer Museum
LOCATION: 217 Front Street
CONTACT: (360) 354-3675 Homepage:
<http://www.lyndenpioneermuseum.com/>

DESCRIPTION: Check out the permanent exhibit on local archaeology and the history of the region. Over 300 artifacts on display represent the basketry and daily tools of Native American and pioneers of the area. Contact staff at (360) 354-3675 for more information.

WHERE: **Moses Lake**
WHAT: Moses Lake Museum and Art Center
LOCATION: 228 West Third Avenue, Moses Lake
CONTACT: Freya Hart PHONE: 509-766-9395
agolden@ci.moses-lake.wa.us
www.mlrec.com/index.php?page_id=36

FREE

DESCRIPTION: The Moses Lake Museum & Art Center has one of the largest collections of early Native American stone tools in the Columbia Basin which include thousands of projectile points, mortars, pestles, mauls, net weights, scrapers, and drills. This collection was gathered over the life time of Adam East, amateur archaeologist. Even though he explored the majority of the Americas, his attention was

especially drawn to the central Washington area. East donated this extensive collection to the Moses Lake Museum & Art Center in 1955 and a portion is currently on display along with the story of Adam East.

WHERE: **Neah Bay**
WHAT: Makah Cultural & Research Center,
LOCATION: Bayview Avenue, Highway 112
CONTACT: 360-645-2711 Homepage:
<http://www.makah.com/museum.htm>.

DESCRIPTION: The Makah Museum is the nation's sole repository for archaeological discoveries from the Makah coastal village of Ozette. The centuries-old village was located 15 miles south of present-day Neah Bay. Ozette served the Makah people as a year-round home well into the twentieth century. The thousands of artifacts recovered from Ozette have helped recreate the Makah's rich and exciting history as whalers, sealers, fishermen, hunters, gatherers, craftspeople, basketweavers, spinners, and warriors. The museum exhibits feature dioramas depicting marine environments and a full-sized longhouse. The exhibits are accompanied by the sounds of birds, waves, and, in the longhouse, conversation and singing in the Makah language. Many of the articles in the exhibits, such as whaling and sealing implements can be handled. The Makah Museum is open to the public 7 days a week from Memorial Day through September 15th, and closed Monday and Tuesday from September 16th through Memorial Day.

WHERE: **Olympia**
WHAT: Washington State Capital Museum
LOCATION: 211 West 21st Street
WHEN: Saturdays, 12-4pm
CONTACT: 360-753-2580.

HOME PAGE:
www.washingtonhistory.org/scmoc/default.aspx#hours

DESCRIPTION: Featuring two floors of exhibits, the museum offers interpretations of regional Native American history and a series of interesting temporary exhibits. The gardens surrounding the museum mansion feature a sample of native Northwest plants and an ethnobotanical garden. Admission is free to members, or \$2 for adults, \$1.75 for seniors, \$5 per family and \$1 for children over 6.

WHERE: **Pullman**
WHAT: WSU Museum of Anthropology
LOCATION: College Hall
CONTACT: 509-339-3536

DESCRIPTION: See archaeological collections that have been recovered from archaeological sites in Eastern Washington. The collections represent a record of the last 11,000 years of human occupation of the Plateau region of Northwestern America. This is one of the most extensive collections of Native American artifacts from the Plateau. Contact staff at (509) 339-3536 for hours and more information.

WHERE: **Seattle**
WHAT: Wing Luke Asian Museum
LOCATION: 719 S. King Street
WHEN: Tuesday–Sunday 10am-5pm
CONTACT: (206) 623-5124 or visit
www.wingluke.org/index.htm

DESCRIPTION: The Wing Luke Museum engages the Asian Pacific American Communities and the public in exploring issues related to the culture, art, and history of Asian Pacific Americans. The Wing Luke Asian Museum collects and preserves artifacts, photographs, archives and oral histories pertaining to the history, culture and art of the Asian Pacific

American community. The collection and resource library is open to the public.

WHERE: **Skykomish**

WHAT: Iron Goat Trail Interpretive Hike – Railroad Archaeology

WHERE: Skykomish Ranger Station

LOCATION: one mile east of Skykomish on SR-12

CONTACT: 206-517-3019.

DESCRIPTION: Stroll into the past on the Iron Goat Trail as it follows the abandoned Great Northern Railway route near Stevens Pass. Enjoy the natural beauty of the area and get glimpses of a key part of Washington's history. This award-winning trail will win your heart. Plan to come again with your friends and enjoy this trail through the seasons. The hike will last 3 to 6 hours depending upon weather. No advanced signup is needed.

WHERE: **South Cle Elum**

WHAT: Self-guided Archaeological Walking Tours
(John Wayne Ironhorse Trail)

LOCATION: S. Cle Elum Depot, 801 Milwaukee Ave, S. Cle Elum

DESCRIPTION: Walk the ruins of a historic railyard and discover Washington's rich railroad history. See first-hand preservation efforts of culturally significant archaeology and historic buildings. Learn about the advancement of railroad technology and how Washington played a role in these developments.

WHERE: **Suquamish**

WHAT: Suquamish Tribal Museum,

LOCATION: Two miles south on SR305 at the west end of
the Agate Pass Bridge.
CONTACT: (360) 598-3311

DESCRIPTION: Old Man House: People and the Way of Life at
D'Suq'Wub. Explore and learn about the cultural traditions of
the Suquamish Tribe by touring exhibits about Old Man
House and tribal culture and artifacts.

WHERE: **Tacoma**
WHAT: Washington State History Museum
LOCATION: 1911 Pacific Avenue
CONTACT: 253-272-3500 or visit <http://www.wshs.org>.

DESCRIPTION: Colorful, interactive exhibits and walk-through
dioramas depict the natural setting, the lifestyle and culture of
the first inhabitants, exploration and settlement of the region,
and the important people and milestone events that have
shaped our state. For more museum information call (253)
272-3500

WHERE: **Toppenish**
WHAT: Yakama Nation Cultural Center
CONTACT: 509-865-2800

DESCRIPTION: The Yakama Nation Cultural Center has
ongoing exhibits and programs that detail the rich history and
culture of the Yakama Nation. These exhibits illustrate the
rich and complex cultures of Native American lifestyles. The
center also features a restaurant, gift shop, and RV facilities.

WHERE: **Wenatchee**
WHAT: Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural
Center,
LOCATION: 127 South Mission Street
CONTACT: 509-664-3340.

DESCRIPTION: View the museum's Rock Art and Native American exhibits including petroglyphs and artifacts from 11,000 years of Native American life along the Columbia River.

WHERE: **Wenatchee**
WHAT: Rocky Reach Visitor Center,
LOCATION: Seven miles north of Wenatchee on Hwy 97
CONTACT: 509-663-7522

DESCRIPTION: Visit the Rocky Reach Visitor Center and learn about the results of archaeological excavations at the Stemilt Village site. This exhibit contains pictures of the site at the various stages of data recovery. Tools and other artifacts used by the village residents and a replica of one of the many housepits, illustrate the lifestyle of the time.

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